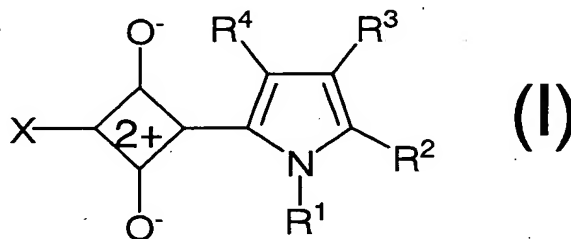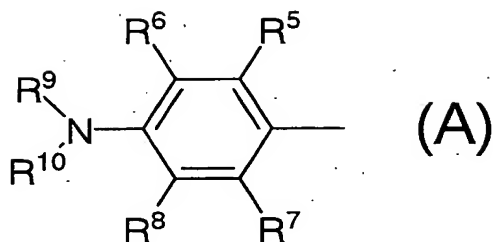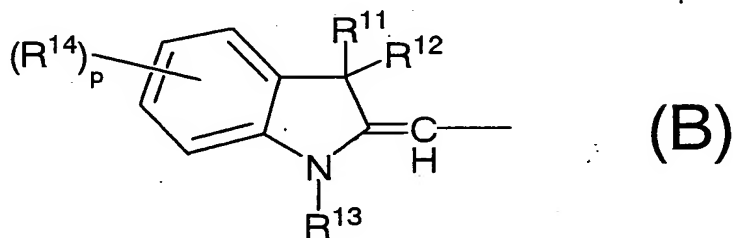## CLAIMS

1. A filter of an electronic display device comprising a squarylium compound represented by general formula (I):

[wherein R^1 represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R^2, R^3 and R^4, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a formyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkanoyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxycarbonyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and X represents a group represented by formula (A):
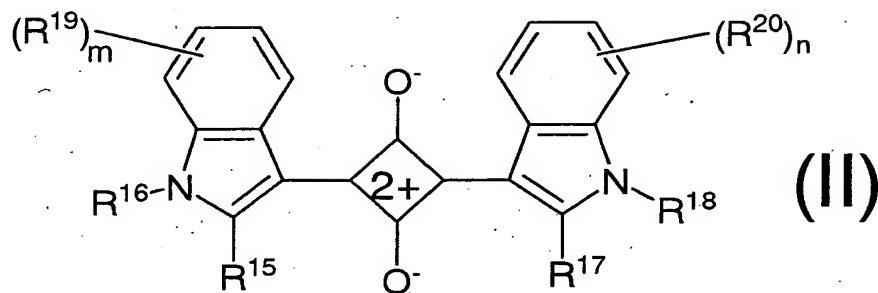
$$R^6 \quad R^5$$

$$R^9 - N - \text{(benzene ring)} - CH_3 \quad \text{(A)}$$
$$R^{10}$$

$$R^8 \quad R^7$$

(wherein R^5, R^6, R^7 and R^8, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and R^9 and R^{10}, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom or a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, or R^9 and R^{10}, together with their adjacent nitrogen atom, form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, or either R^6 and R^9 or R^8 and R^{10}, together with their adjacent N-C-C, form a substituted or unsubstituted heterocycle), or a group represented by formula (B):

$$(R^{14})_P - \text{(ring system)} = C - \quad \text{(B)}$$
$$R^{11} \quad R^{12}$$
$$N \quad H$$
$$R^{13}$$

(wherein R^{11} and R^{12}, which may be the same or different,

each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R^{13} represents a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R^{14} represents a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; and p represents an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when p is 2 to 4, R^{14}'s may be the same or different, respectively)].

2. A filter of an electronic display device comprising a squarylium compound represented by general formula (II):
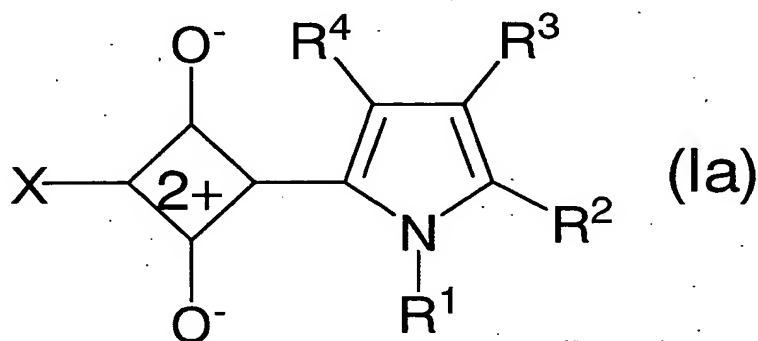
$(R^{19})_m$ ⎯ [indole ring] R^{16}⎯N, R^{15} ⎯ [squaraine core: O^-, $2+$, O^-] ⎯ [indole ring] N⎯R^{18}, R^{17} ⎯ $(R^{20})_n$

(II)

[wherein R^{15} and R^{17}, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R^{16} and R^{18}, which may be the same or different, each represent a hydrogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, or a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group; R^{19} and R^{20}, which may be the same or different, each represent a halogen atom, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted alkoxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aralkyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group, a nitro group, a cyano group, a hydroxyl group, a substituted or unsubstituted amino group, or a substituted or unsubstituted

heterocyclic group; m represents an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when m is 2 to 4, R^{19}'s may be the same or different, respectively; and n represents an integer of 0 to 4, wherein, when n is 2 to 4, R^{20}'s may be the same or different, respectively].
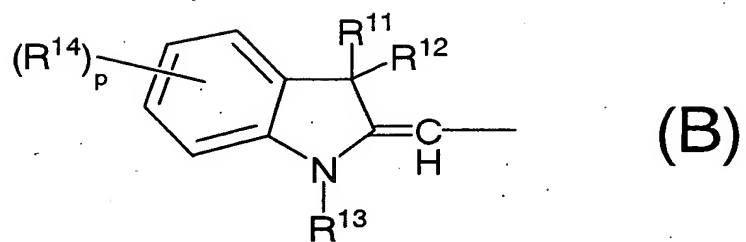
3. The filter of an electronic display device according to Claim 2, wherein R^{16} and R^{18}, which may be the same or different, are each an alkoxyalkoxyl-substituted alkyl group.

4. The filter of an electronic display device according to any one of Claims 1 to 3, further comprising a binder.

5. A squarylium compound represented by general formula (Ia):

[wherein each of R^1, R^2, R^3 and R^4 has the same meaning as defined above; and X represents a group represented by formula (B):

(B)

(wherein each of R^{11}, R^{12}, R^{13}, R^{14} and p has the same meaning as defined above)].